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SUBJECT: MBFR: NAC SCHEDULED TO MEET OCTOBER 11 ON U.S. RESPONSE
TO PAPER ON COMMON APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 199654

BEGIN SUMMARY: OCTOBER 10 NAC HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MBFR. PER
REFTEL, COUNCIL WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 11 TO HEAR U.S. RES-
PONSE TO PAPER ON COMMON APPROACH TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

1. U.S. RESPONSE. IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE U.S., WHICH
IS NOW THE ONLY ALLY WHO HAS NOT REACTED TO THE PAPER, "ALLIANCE
APPROACH TO MEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR," SYG LUNS SUGGESTED THAT
COUNCIL MIGHT MEET ON OCTOBER 11, HOPEFULLY TO RATIFY TEXT.
PER REFTTEL, RUMSFELD AGREED TO OBTOWER 11 MEETING.

2. GREEK AMENDMENT. SINCE SEVERAL ALLIES AT OCTOBER 8 COUNCIL
MEETING HAD OBJECTED TO THE OPEN-ENDED CHARACTER OF THE TERM
"IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE 50TH PARALLEL," IN THE GREEK
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ADDITION TO PARA 30 (USNATO 4785,) CHOROFAS AGREED TO
DROP THIS PHRASE.

3. MILITARY REPRESENTATION. UK PERMREP (PECK) INFORMED

THE COUNCIL THAT IF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES INSISTS, UK
WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THEIR PRESENCE IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.
TURKEY AND THE NETHERLANDS CONCURRED IN UK POSITION.
BELGIAN PERMREP (DE STAERCKE) EXPRESSED BELGIAN "RETICENCE"
ON THIS ISSUE, BELGIUM DOES NOT WISH TO PREVENT MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVES FROM ATTENDING THE SESSIONS AND PLACES
HIGH VALUE ON THEIR ADVICE. NONETHELESS, THEIR PRESENCE
COULD CREATE THE POSSIBILITY OF A REPROACH FROM THE EAST
THAT THE ALLIES WERE GIVING A BLOC-TO-BLOC CHARACTER TO
THE NEGOTIATIONS. DE STAERCKE SAID IT WAS VAIN TO BELIEVE
THAT NATO MILITARY REPS COULD BE EFFECTIVELY CONCEALED
WITHIN NATIONAL DELEGATIONS ANY MORE THAN IT HAD BEEN POS-
SIBLE TO CONCEAL EC REPS IN GENEVA CSCE TALKS. THEIR
PRESENCE COULD LEAD TO DISPUTE WITH THE WARSAW PACT, AND
BELGIUM BELIEVED THAT THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. (COMMENT:
MISSION IS AWAITING RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION REQUESTED
IN USNATO 4625. END COMMENT.)
RUMSFELD

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